

REMARKS

The September 15, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stated that the Amendment filed August 28, 2003 was non-compliant for failure to include a complete listing of all the claims. The Notice also stated that resubmission of only the affected section of the Amendment was required.

Accordingly, the "Amendments to the claims section" of the August 28, 2003 Amendment is presented herein, with a complete listing of all the claims. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.


If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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